

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BUNDORAN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	30
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	187

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The steps which the committee have taken to involve the community at large, the Local Authority and the V.E.C. in the improvement of the appearance and presentation of Bundoran in the National Tidy Towns Competition is outstanding. The Committee and the residents of Bundoran can be rightly proud of the effort made this year. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire. A map next year would be appreciated.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are some lovely cliff walks in Bundoran with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean and magnificent beaches. The construction which makes up these walks is ideal for wildlife and perhaps a nature trail could be established identifying the habitat of birds and small animals along these routes. Sea birds are another attraction. A consultation with your local environmental expert might be fruitful. A thought for the future perhaps.

LANDSCAPING

In general the landscaping of public areas is adequate. The landscaping of the area in the vicinity of Waterworld is good. The extensive grass area is well maintained and there is an excellent well laid out childrens playground near Waterworld. The Caravan Parks in general are well presented. The area near the harbour is well presented with nice flowers beds and the R.C. Church grounds are worthy of comment. The grounds of the V.E.C. also looked well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the business premises and public buildings are presented to a high standard. The Catholic Church, Church of Ireland and school buildings are well presented. The hotels in general are presented to a very high standard and worthy of mention are the Great Northern Hotel; Allingham Hotel; Holyrood Hotel; Imperial Hotel; Maghery House and the Atlantic Apartotel with the nice new pub, 51 Main Street and Fitzgeralds Hotel. The new building in the centre of the town, Blazing Saddles, will be an addition to the Main Street when completed. As last year many of the buildings have used traditional signs and the standard remains very high. Among those which caught the eye were the Whistling Oyster; Chasing Bull; Cavan House, Anglers Rest; Brennans and the Seashell Tavern. There is still some dereliction in parts of the town, most notably in the West End, the building beside the Bradog Bar and the Old Church (as last year). The Ulster Tourist House is being renovated and has been nicely painted (well done!). There are also two buildings in the vicinity of Waterworld which need attention.

LITTER CONTROL

Bundoran was relatively free of litter on adjudication day. There were plenty of litter bins throughout the town and the litter bins which were sponsored by local businesses are very impressive (well done to all concerned!) The shopfront and benches were also litter free. Congratulations to the residents of Bundoran, local clubs and schools who have co-operated fully with the committee in helping to eradicate this problem. A vast improvement on last year. A great community effort.

TIDINESS

In general Bundoran had a very nice and tidy appearance under this heading. Building work was noted in the town centre and near the UDC Caravan Park. The railings at St Patricks Hall need attention. Bayview Terrace and its environs still retain their old world charm. The car park opposite the Allingham Arms Hotel is much improved, no litter. However, the road surface in the car park needs resurfacing and the entrance has poor presentation.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential areas are well presented, a product of the co-operation which the Committee are now receiving from the residents of Bundoran. The estate opposite the Shell Garage has a nice appearance, however, the green area need attention. The Drumacrin Estate has certainly improved since last year, the green areas had been trimmed and many of the houses and gardens have improved their appearance immeasurably. An example for others to follow (Well done!) The estates on the Ballyshannon approach looked well. However, the roads could do with resurfacing. Nice flowerbeds at the Shell Garage. The O'Gorman Arms and K.F.C. also looked well, although the area opposite the K.F.C. building could be improved. As last year building work is still going on at Dingle Cough, however, this estate will be an addition to Bundoran when finished. Full marks to the residents of Gaelic Park Drive, extremely well presented.

ROADS, STREETS, AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were relatively free of litter (well done!) and on the Sligo approach the verges have been neatly trimmed. However broken stone walls and poor fencing are still evident. The other main approaches looked well although there is an untidy area on the left of the Kinlough approach. The back streets are well maintained. The floral displays throughout the town (though not as many as last year) are a credit to all concerned. Most of the public seating throughout the town is well presented, in particular the flower bed and seating in the vicinity of the tourist office. The open area beside A.I.B. Bank is untidy with a large amount of rubble to the rear as last year. The presentation of many of the houses and gardens on Church Road and the approaches is still being maintained (as last year). The pavement beside the Atlantic Apartotel could be improved.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A great community effort by Bundoran this year and the litter problem is certainly being tackled in a very positive manner by the Community (Well done!). It is essential that this spirit of co-operation be maintained and built upon so that Bundoran can continue to improve it ranking in the National Tidy Towns Competition.